



Linnell Family Reunion June 23-25, 2006

Time is running out! You must hurry to attend the seventh reunion of the Linnell family, to be held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, Eastham, MA, June 23-25, 2006, on beautiful Cape Cod. Come to the reunion and then vacation amid the myriad things Cape Cod offers, such as the Cape Cod National Seashore, whale watches, boating, golf, hiking trails, and many more beaches on both sides of the Cape.

The following places will be of special interest to the Linnell family. In Orleans [six miles away], is the Captain Linnell House, Orleans Museum with artifacts from his ships, the Orleans cemetery with the restored gravestone of Jonathon Linnell, Linnell Landing Beach, and many more places. In Barnstable [twenty miles away] is the Sturgis Library with its great genealogy collection including the manuscripts of our own beloved Rachel Linnell Wynn, the Daniel Davis House Museum [another Linnell descendent], and the



Lothrop graveyard with the restored gravestone of John Linnell.

This is your last chance to register for the reunion, using the registration form on page 5, and to book your hotel reservations directly with

the hotel at (508) 255-5000. Mention that you are booking for the Linnell reunion. The special rate of \$139 will be available for several days before and after the meeting, depending on availability. For those who would like to camp, the Atlantic Oaks RV park next door to the hotel can be booked anytime

at (508) 255-1437. The Nickerson State Park in Brewster, eight miles away suffered some storm damage but may be available. Call (877) 422-6762 .

The reunion committee has been working feverishly to make this the best reunion ever, so send in your registration, make your housing accommodations now!

We look forward to seeing you at the reunion.

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**A LETTER FROM
OUR CHAIRMAN**

Hello, Cousins:

Do me a favor, will you, please? Take out your calendar and check the activities you have planned for June 23-25. DARN, you forgot to send in your registration for the LFA reunion on Cape Cod, did you? Well, for heaven's sake, grab a pen and fill out the registration form you will find on page 5 in this edition of the newsletter and send it on to Scott Linnell ASAP.

There are going to be some great activities happening that weekend so you best come prepared to do some talking, some walking, and some gawking as you discover the impact of the earliest of our ancestors in the New World.

What's in store for you, you ask?

How about an informal MEETING, GREETING, and GETTING TO KNOW YOU assembly on FRIDAY EVENING, hosted by Chuck and Maryan Ainsworth? You will hear of the planned ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEKEND as outlined by Dan McConnell, this reunion's coordinator. And how about the UNVEILING OF THE CAPTAIN EBENEZER LINNELL *EAGLE WING* painting which will be purchased by the lucky highest bidder in the silent auction?

How about a SHORT but informative BUSINESS MEETING on SATURDAY MORNING to discuss the future of our organization?

And then how about several different featured TOURS to Linnell historical sites on the Cape on Saturday afternoon?

The Sturges Library will be on that tour schedule. You might remember me telling you about this library being the repository of the works of Rachel Linnell Wynn, our family historian.

How about a very fine dinner, along with a featured GUEST SPEAKER, the

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Editorial Comment

At the Linnell Family Reunion you will be electing a new editor for the newsletter. Kay and I have been the editors of the Linnell Family Newsletter, for quite some time now. Like everything we mortals do, it has been fun, exasperating, entertaining, frustrating, and, above all, a great learning experience. We have tried to be editors of the material submitted to us and have tried not to inject our personal opinions. However, since this will be our last newsletter, I felt it might be appropriate for me to write one article which sums up my feelings on the Association, the Linnell Family, and family history/genealogy in general.

I first became connected to the Linnell Family as a favor to my mother-in-law, Elsie Linnell Thompson. She was extremely proud of her Linnell heritage and, when Rachel Wynn connected her father, Selwin Linnell, back to Robert Linnell, Elsie was delighted. She had long known that this link existed, but never knew exactly who her earlier ancestors were. She wasn't able to travel and so, through us, she vicariously joined in reunions at Massachusetts, Ohio, New York, and Wisconsin. She saw pictures of cousins and of places her ancestors lived, like the farm in Illinois where her grandfather lived and her father grew up. She saw the records of her great-grandfather's service in the war of 1812. And I, through these reunions, made friends with many fine descendants of Robert Linnell.

To be fair to my father-in-law, I also had to research his ancestry, tracing his ancestors from Norway to North Dakota. This led me to research my own roots, tracing my father's ancestors from Sweden to Illinois, and my mother's family from Germany, through Indiana, to Nebraska. And, while finding these roots I also found other family reunions. I have been to a Geisler Family reunion in Indiana and the 100th annual Swedberg/Benson Family reunion in Illinois. I have now many friends among cousins from my side of the family to go with those of the Linnells.

So now I pass the editorship on to

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The Linnell Ladies of Saco, Maine

Seated at the front left in this mid-1930s photograph is Sarah Shepherd Linnell, widow of Civil War veteran William F. Linnell (118,241,215). Others are daughters Bertha Roby Linnell (also seated) and Adelaide Paulina Linnell (rear left). Standing at the rear right is Susan Tarbox Linnell, William's daughter by an earlier marriage. All three of the Linnell Daughters dedicated their lives to the teaching profession and not one of them ever married.

Bertha became Associate Professor of Music Theory and Education at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, where she was also Supervisor of Music for the public schools. She died in 1970.

Adelaide became Professor of Music Theory and Education at Mankato State Teachers College in Mankato, Minnesota, where she was also Supervisor of Music in the elementary schools. Adelaide died in 1974.

Susan was for many years an elementary school teacher in Salem, Massachusetts. She was confined to a wheel chair for many years prior to her death in 1960. Each girl attended Thornton Academy in Saco, Maine, where the Linnell Gymnasium, named for their brother, William S. Linnell (118,241,215,2), is located.

Robert Linnell



Cape Cod Gravestone Restoration Complete

Your Gravestone Restoration Committee is pleased to report that all tasks assigned to it relative to the deteriorated, broken and missing gravestones of our ancestors on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, have been accomplished.

The barely legible slate stone of RUTH LINNELL in Barnstable's Lathrop Hills Cemetery has been reproduced in granite and was erected at the cemetery in early February.

You will recall that the Committee was formed at the 1997 reunion. Since that time, the gravestones of Jonathan and Elizabeth Linnell in Orleans Cemetery have been duplicated in granite, as have those of John, and now, Ruth at Lathrop Hills. This completes the Committee's assigned tasks and I wish to thank all of you who, through your generosity, have made our efforts such a success.

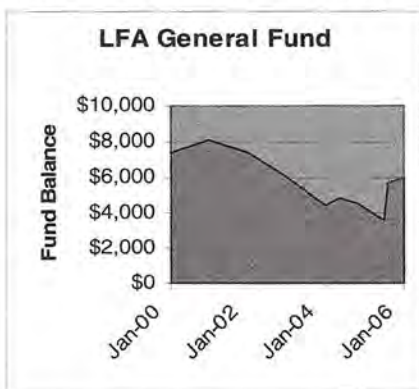
One or more proposals for additional restorations elsewhere will be presented at the coming reunion in June.

Bob Linnell
Chairman



Funds Status

The LFA General Fund finished 2005 in much better shape than it began, thanks to a substantial number of dues payments.



We continue to support the young generation of descendants of Robert Linnell via the Scholarship Fund. The third \$500 scholarship was recently awarded to Kenneth Bockovich, who attends Bemidji State University in Minnesota. Recent contributors to the Scholarship Fund are:



Rachel Linnell Wynn, Historian Society (\$1 to \$49)

- ◆ Patricia Haney
- ◆ Heidi Swedberg
- ◆ Jo Hanna Dunlop
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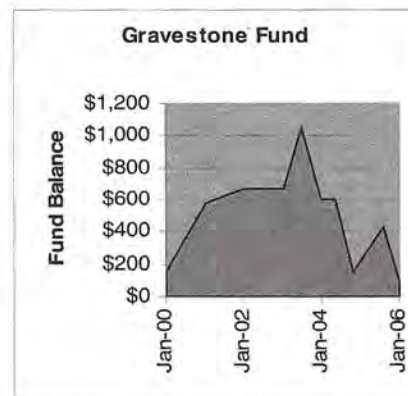
Linnell Landing, Cape Cod Society (\$50 to \$99)

- ◆ Mark and Barbara Wynn

To honor our early American ancestors, we funded the restoration of a fourth gravestone over the past several months.

Hopefully, Ruth Linnell's new stone will be installed by June so that it can be admired by those attending the Reunion on Cape Code.

Each restoration costs close to \$1,000. Generous donations from LFA members make this possible. Recent contributors include:



- ◆ Joanna and Robert Wisner
- ◆ Nikki Bourne-Hudick
- ◆ Eva Spurlin
- ◆ Karen R. McKnight
- ◆ Stanley L. Smith
- ◆ Charlene L. Toews
- ◆ James and Kay Swedberg
- ◆ Judy K. Spelde

Scott Linnell

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awarding of the LFA SCHOLARSHIP, to be followed by a WEDDING PARTY hosted by Andrew Linnell and his new wife?

How about a BRIEF BUSINESS MEETING on SUNDAY MORNING to elect new officers, find out the winner of the silent auction painting, and then a hearty farewell to all the new and old cousins you had the good fortune to spend the weekend with?

Now, there will be much more involved, but it sounds to me as if we are all going to have a whole lot of fun and entertainment while being hosted by the Sheraton Four Points Hotel on the Cape – just enough to have us all thirsting for more of the same in another 3 years.

You don't want to be one of those who has been told "You missed a great time," so I say to you again, get out your calendar, grab a pen and take the last step needed to put you on the Cape this coming June for the LFA 2006 reunion.

Your Chairman,
Jerry Linnell

Registration Form
Seventh Linnell Family Reunion
 June 23-25, 2006
 Sheraton Four Points Hotel
 Eastham, Massachusetts



NAME _____

SPOUSE _____

CHILDREN ATTENDING (WITH AGES) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

Mail this form & check to R. Scott Linnell, Treasurer
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I/We are coming to the 2006 Linnell Family Reunion and enclose payment as follows:

Registration fee

Family/Couple @ \$40 (\$45 after May 1)	\$ _____
('Family' means one or both parents and dependent children)	
Single @\$20 (\$25 after May 1)	\$ _____

This fee covers Program, Printing, Mailing, Rentals, Souvenire, Friday Evening Refreshments (No meal will be served Friday evening), and Saturday & Sunday Continental Breakfasts. A Saturday luncheon is not scheduled.

Saturday Evening Banquet (Please indicate entree choice and number of each @ \$25)

Baked stuffed sole _____ Stuffed chicken breast _____ Sliced top sirloin _____ \$ _____

Children under 12 Chicken fingers & fries at \$11 each _____ \$ _____

Housing

You are responsible for your own hotel reservations. Call the Sheraton Four Points Hotel at (508)255-5000. Cut off date is May 23. Special rate for LINNELL REUNION is \$139 plus tax Single/Double. \$10 extra for each additional occupant 18 & over. Also, there is an adjoining RV park (Atlantic Oaks), Phone (508) 255-1437 and a campground at Nickerson State Park in Brewster (six miles away), Phone (877) 422-6762, but reservations there must be made 6 months in advance. Should you wish to use the general Sheraton 800 reservation number (1-800-325-3535), be sure to specify the Four Points Hotel at Eastham, MA.

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someone else, and the family history I have found on to my children. What I supply to the new editor will be advice and suggestions on how to edit the newsletter. What I pass on to my descendants is the story of how and why their ancestors came to America. They are the Everyman of immigrants, descended from the English fleeing religious persecution, the Germans fleeing political strife, and the

Scandinavians fleeing famine and economic hardship. All of these came to America and scratched out a living from the soil to give their children, and their children's children, a better life, the life we routinely enjoy today.

Thank you, all of you Linnells, for letting me edit your newsletter and giving me the chance to learn what I would never otherwise have learned.

Jim Swedberg

The William Linnell House

Last November I attended a Mayflower passengers descendants meeting. At that meeting I was given a map of "The first century houses in Barnstable" by a descendant of the Bearer family. One of the houses was the Linnell built in 1710 on Scudder Ave.

The map was drawn by J. W. Gould. I contacted him. He put me in touch with Nancy Shoemaker of W. Barnstable Historical Society. She took a picture of the Linnell house on 326 Scudder Ave., Hyannis Port, and sent it to me.

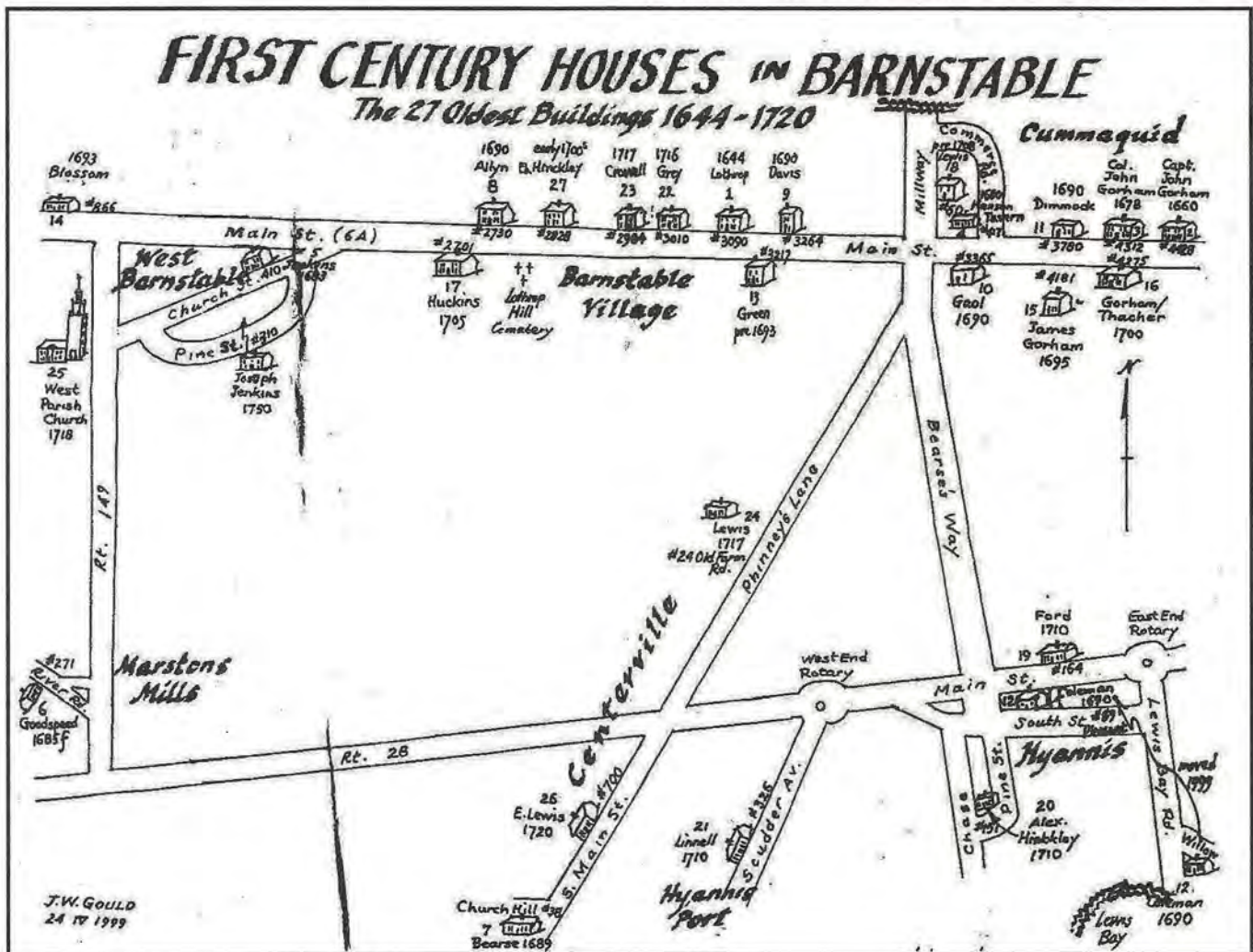
I next contacted the Barnstable Historical Commission in Barnstable. They sent me a dossier on the house.

The original records that the town had was burned. Nathan Lovell III was born here in his grandfather's homestead in 1783. His daughter Carolyn was born Feb 12, 1815. She married May 3, 1838 William Embly Linnell,

118,742,4. William bought the house from Nathan Lovell II.

Thanks to: James W. Gould, Nancy Shoemaker, The Hyannis Port Village clerk, Massachusetts Historical Commission in Barnstable.

Virgil E. Linnell
118,241,533,324



Editor's Note

One of the many activities offered at this June's reunion will be the chance to visit historical sites on Cape Cod, especially those related to the Linnell family.

The article on the preceding page, by cousin Virgil Linnell, describes one of the sites of interest, the house of William Linnell. More information on this house, and some others shown on the map, will be available at the reunion.



Additions to the Family Records

Marriages, Births & Deaths

Jonas Blackmon Covey (118,241,185,113,3)

Married Kristen Renee Hanover on Friday, 30 September 2005, at the Luthy Botanical Garden in Peoria, IL.

Eagle Wing Prints

As described in the February newsletter, the Linnell Family Association has commissioned a new oil painting of the Clipper Ship *Eagle Wing* by Cape Cod artist Milton Welt. Limited edition fine art prints will be made available only to the Linnell Family.

An order form which can be clipped and mailed is on page 8. The prints will be unmatted and shipped in tubes made for the purpose, or can be picked up at the Linnell Family Reunion.

News from Our Cousins



HELP WANTED

Can any of you cousins identify an artist who signs her / his oil paintings "E. Linnell" ?

If so, please notify Bob Linnell
Secretary.

THE LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION

The purposes of the Association are the promotion of fellowship among the Linnell family members through reunions and the publication of the **Linnell Family Newsletter**, and the preservation of the records of the family.

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Linnell Family Association

Please register me as a member of the Linnell Family Association in the following category:

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_____ Total Amount Enclosed

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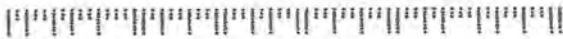
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